

# SOVIET REGIME CUTS INDUSTRY BY 90 PER CENT

## Reports to Hoover Show Economic Plight of Russian People.

FAMINE CONDITIONS IN VOLGA VALLEY

Few Provinces Produce Surplus Available to Starving.

Conditions in impoverished Russia which the United States is preparing to alleviate unofficially through the American Relief organization in Europe, have been brought about, according to careful investigation conducted by the Department of Commerce, through the complete collapse of industry and production under the Soviet regime.

Russia's economic collapse, according to reliable reports to Secretary Hoover, who, as head of the American Relief forces, is undertaking to aid the starving people of that country is traced primarily to the fact that industry there has decreased 90 per cent as compared to the prewar period.

Reports from reliable sources to Mr. Hoover show in striking figures Russia's economic plight.

Production Greatly Reduced.

Industrial production during the year 1920 in percentages compared to prewar output was as follows:

Pig iron, 2 per cent; copper ore, 4.8 per cent; iron ore, 2 per cent; manganese ore, 3.6 per cent; salt, 15 per cent; rubber industry, 5 per cent; watch industry, 15 per cent; paper industry, 30 per cent; sugar industry, 5 per cent; printing, 15 per cent; production of coal, 20 per cent; cotton spinning, 10 per cent; 3 per cent; woolen cloth, 4 per cent.

Before undertaking to reply to Maxim Gorky's appeal for relief to the starving Russians, Mr. Hoover took occasion to inquire closely into actual conditions and reports received indicate that the most acute famine area covers the Volga Valley from the Caspian Sea northward. The drought in this area would not be of such fatal character but for the general decadence of agriculture under the Soviet regime. From these regions and in the decay of transportation, rendering most difficult the movement of such local surpluses as do still exist.

Smaller Areas Cultivated.

Examples of reports from the Caucasus area show the province of Samara sowing this spring only 58 per cent of the acreage cultivated last year. In the province of Kazan, 5,000 acres usually cultivated were left fallow. In the Volga Valley less than 50 per cent of the arable territory in the province of Orel was sown, and in the province of Tula only 20 to 35 per cent of the necessary seed for sowing was available.

Overriding such local situations there has been a steady decline in agricultural production ever since the revolution. From these causes Russia, before even last year's harvest had declined from a state producing from 6,000,000 to 10,000,000 tons of food for export to a country which was a net importer of food. The urban population is insufficient supply of food for the cities that the urban population has been reduced by about one half.

Grain Crops Much Smaller.

An indication of diminished grain crops in 1921 is offered by the quantitative estimates of requisitioned grain taxes by the Soviet government. The total amount for all Soviet Russia, except the Ukraine and Turkistan, is 4,320,000 tons of grain, as against 7,514,000 tons in 1920. The requisitioned amount to be requisitioned this year amounts to 1,080,000 tons as compared with 2,016,000 tons in 1920; 216,000 tons of all seeds are to be requisitioned instead of 425,000 tons in 1920. The number of provinces where any surplus is indicated for removal to other provinces appears to have decreased from over twenty prior to not more than four.

There has been such deterioration of transportation that there is doubt as to ability to move the local surplus to do exist in the richer grain producing provinces in Siberia and the south to those areas which normally depend upon them.

# SOVIET ASKS Workers to Aid Starving Russia

## U. S. and British Offers Denounced as Vague And Insidious.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and United News.)

LONDON, Aug. 2.—With 20,000,000 people menaced by starvation, Soviet Russia, in a manifesto sent over the official wireless, addressed to the "workers" of the world, appeals to them to give help, declaring that the British and United States governments are making "vague offers of assistance under insidious terms."

These terms would be the death blow of Sovietism, would re-establish White rule in Russia and would permit the British and American governments to share in the management of Russia's internal affairs, the wireless declares. The present famine is described as the greatest calamity since the famine of 1901. Starvation will befall Russia for the rest of 1921 and extend into 1922, it is stated, and the disease which is inevitably accompanying hunger is breaking down the morale of the people, "weakened by seven years of internal and external strife."

Issued by the Third International and signed by representatives from twenty-one nations, including Baldwin of the United States, Bell of England, Hecker of Germany, Trotsky, Kiselevich and Lenin of Russia, Bela Kun of Hungary and Souvarine of France, the manifesto says "blows are being raised on Russia" at a moment when she is "well nigh ruined by the seven years of imperialistic warfare."

# EARLY RETURNS LEAVE PRIMARY RESULT IN DOUBT

## Virginia Vote Heavy in Democratic gubernatorial Contest.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 3.—2:30 a. m.—E. Lee Trinkle, Jr. is credited with a majority of 18,000 votes for the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy over his opponent, Harry S. George Tucker, according to the consensus of returns received here from all sections of the State at an early hour this morning.

The contest for the lieutenant governorship is closely contested between Julian Gunn and N. Gilpin, with the latter corporation membership is conceded to Berkeley D. Adams.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 2.—The polls in the State primaries did not close until nearly 7:30 in Virginia, and up to 8:30 o'clock there were few returns. Reports were made to the headquarters of the candidates for the governorship, however, and these were of such a character as to leave the situation generally in doubt.

The first precinct to report was one in Henric County which gave Trinkle 20 and Tucker 13. The vote in this city was heavier than expected. Many women voted. The belief was that the women of the women had voted for Senator Trinkle and that that proves to be so there is little question as to the result. The Tucker people were not conceding anything.

Reports from the leading cities of the State indicate a heavy vote, with some artistic claims being made as to the size of the majorities that the candidates will receive.

The fight for lieutenant governor was between Gunn and Gilpin, with Gilpin the favorite at the outset. There are four men in the race, and it may be that Senator West will make a strong showing. It was not thought that W. B. Fitch would make a showing in the returns. E. C. Folkes, of this city, candidate for the State corporation commission in opposition to Berkeley D. Adams, was putting up a stronger fight than was expected.

There were only three places on the State ticket to be filled, but there were contests in many counties and cities for the house and some of the towns were expected to be close. Only the vote from the cities and towns were expected to be available.

# MOURNERS AWAIT BODY OF HATFIELD

MATEWAN, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Six Hatfield, picturesque Cumberland mountain gunnsmen came home today from his last battle.

Work in the mines was neglected, stores closed and mothers and their babies clustered about the rickety little railroad station here when the body of the fallen chieftain arrived from Welch, where "Smilin' Sam" and his lieutenant, Ed. Chambers fell in a pistol fight.

There were ugly looks and threats from women and men alike, as the mob milled in the dusty railroad yard while the body of the leader in the Matewan County mine war, in rudely constructed pine coffin, lay down a plank to the station platform.

Illinois Governor's Auto Turns Turtle

MONMOUTH, Ill., Aug. 2.—The automobile in which Governor Len Small was touring Illinois roads, skidded on the highway near here today and turned over.

The governor was uninjured. He with his companions, crawled from under the automobile.

# CARUSO FOUGHT HARD FOR LIFE

## ASEND NEARED

Died During Collapse After Operation for Peritonitis.

CIVILIZED WORLD MOURNS FOR SINGER

Great Tenor Had Hoped To Appear Again in America.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and United News.)

NAPLES, Aug. 2.—From every corner of the civilized world where the golden voice of Enrico Caruso has been heard, from princes and presidents, rich men and peasants, messages of condolence to the great tenor's family and to the city and country he loved are pouring in by wire, mail and cable.

All Naples, all Italy, in fact, is struck dumb with amazed sorrow at the passing of a national idol, for no man in public life meant more to his countrymen.

Crowds Pray for Him.

His passing was like that of a king. Great crowds of Neapolitans gathered during his last hours and knelt to pray in the streets for his recovery, until news came that the wonderful spirit that had carried him through the crisis months before had failed in its last test and that the voice would be heard no more.

The profound shock was heightened by the fact that throughout the happy weeks since his return to his beloved home, no hint of the approaching end came either from the master singer or his physician. Reports that he was failing, that he would never sing again, that he had come home to die, were denied by his friends and himself.

Had Resumed Singing.

"I shall not die," he repeatedly said. "I shall go back to America and sing—better than ever."

Caruso believed it, too. He appeared to gain in strength. Each day he visited the music room of his home and hummed over the notes of the operas in which he hoped to be heard this winter. Occasionally his favored friends listened to him in the very private hearings, with which he indulged his desire to try the capacity of his voice. They came away saying "he is as good as ever. A few months of sunshine and he will be the old Caruso once more."

Collapsing Unexpected.

Hence the poignancy of the shock that fell on Naples Monday. An apparently winning fight had collapsed at the critical moment, and medical science could do no more for him after the last futile attempt that failed.

The funeral, if his countless friends have their wishes, will be one of the most impressive services ever held in Italy, comparable only to that of royalty. The place of the funeral is still undecided. His wife, the former Dorothy Benjamin, of New York, with the little Caruso baby, Gloria, he indulged his desire to try the capacity of his voice. They came away saying "he is as good as ever. A few months of sunshine and he will be the old Caruso once more."

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# WHITE SOX FREED BY CHICAGO JURY; CROWD APPLAUDS

## Seven Players and Two Manufacturers Are Cleared.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The "Black Sox" were freed tonight. "Not guilty" was the verdict reached by the jury after deliberating less than three hours on the fate of the seven former White Sox stars and two alleged gamblers.

The defendants were charged with conspiracy to throw the world series of 1919.

The ball players acquitted are Eddie Cicotte, Arnold Gandil, Joe Jackson, George Weaver, Claude Williams, Charles Riesberg and Oscar Felsch. The alleged gamblers freed are Carl Zerk, St. Louis manufacturer, and David Zeler, Des Moines manufacturer.

Crowd Hurrah.

As soon as the "not guilty" verdict was reached the ball players and their lawyers leaped to their feet and cheered. There was a moment of silence from the courtroom when the verdict was read and then a great "Hurrah" arose. The defendants slapped each other on the back and shook hands all around. It was reported that the verdict was reached on the first ballot. Most of the time was consumed by the jury from 7:55 p. m. when it retired, until 10:45 p. m. when the verdict was reached. A further reading of the instructions of Judge Hugo Friend.

The ball players had their photographs taken in a group. The courtroom cleared. Riesberg and the other defendants endeavored to appear calm, although they were obviously elated.

Confident of Verdict.

"I never had any doubt that I would be freed. Buck Weaver said 'I have maintained my innocence from the start.'"

Eddie Cicotte immediately showed the reporter a telegram to Mrs. Eddie Cicotte, 2382 Central avenue, Detroit, Mich. It contained just two words: "guilty" and was signed "Daddy."

Cicotte said: "I know why I was found 'not guilty.' My wife and three kiddies were kneeling most of today saying the prayers." He said he had no further plans than immediately going back to Detroit.

Weaver to Go Back.

Joe Jackson said he was glad he was acquitted, but that he would not try to get back into organized baseball. Chick Gandil said he had never been worried. He said he would try to get hold of a good bat and manage it.

Buck Weaver was the only player to say he would make an effort to break into organized baseball again. He declared he would go to Press, Va., and ask for his old job at third base. He said he would be glad to go to Judge Landis if Comiskey suggested it.

After the freed players, surrounded by an admiring throng, got out of the building they rushed to the telegraph offices to send the news to their relatives and friends.

# HARDING ARRIVES AT WEEKS' HOME

LANCASTER, N. H., Aug. 2.—President Harding began a week's vacation in the White Mountains today as the guest of Secretary of War Weeks, who has a summer lodge on the peak of Mount Prospect, two miles from here.

The President, Mrs. Harding, and a large party that filled a dozen automobiles motored over the winding mountain road from Portland, Me., where they arrived aboard the Mayflower early in the day.

President Harding lunched at Crawford Notch in the heart of the mountains and afterward played golf there with Senators Frelinghuysen, Hale and Phillips. The evening was spent on the veranda of the Weeks' home, which commands a view of the mountains for miles around.

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# Blond and Brunette Want To Be "Miss Washington"

The board of judges, who will select "Miss Washington" to represent the Capital at an elaborate celebration at Atlantic City September 7 and 8, will have every conceivable type of beauty from which to make a decision.

Aspirants for the distinction, who have submitted their photographs to The Herald, range all the way from the petite high school girl to the athletic outdoor girl. And every day brings out some new and more charming women, who had refused to have their pictures used in any way until The Herald made it possible to win a distinction that any girl would be proud to claim.

"Miss Washington" will be chosen as the prettiest of the thousands of charming young women in the District. She must, however, have qualifications other than beauty. She must have a pleasing manner and must possess poise and culture, for she must reflect credit on her home city.

She will even have an opportunity to win the distinction of being the most beautiful and charming woman in the United States and the \$5,000 golden Venus, offered by the officials of Atlantic City. So it is only natural that Washington wants to be sure that its most beautiful young woman is the one selected.

A young woman living in Washington or the immediate suburbs is eligible for the honor. It is only necessary for her to bring her photograph to The Herald office, or to call at the office and let The Herald arrange to have Bachrach take one.

# ANOTHER BLUE SKY PROMOTION CONCERN NEEDS A RECEIVER

By J. N. Darling.

WONDER IF THERE COULD HAVE BEEN ANYTHING WRONG WITH OUR FIGURING.

DON'T WATCH YOUR HAT AND OVERCOAT TAKE ANY OF THEM YOU LIKE.

COMMUNISM CAFE! EVERYTHING FREE! HELP YOURSELF. WE PAY NO BILLS, SO WE NEED NO INCOME. NO CASHIERS, NO COOKS NO WAITERS, NO DINNERS CHECKS TO ANNOY YOU.

# PEACE PROPOSALS WILL BE DEBATED BY DAIL EIREANN

Members in Jail Likely to Be Released to Attend Session.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)

By JOHN STEELE.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Ireland still preserves sphinx-like silence on Great Britain's peace proposals and it is likely it will continue to do so for another week or more.

Eamon de Valera has consulted practically all of his colleagues of Dail Eireann, as well as many local leaders of the Sinn Fein, and all that remains to be done is to lay the proposals before a full meeting of Dail Eireann.

This, a report from Dublin today said, probably will be done sometime this week or early next.

36 Members Await Release.

It has been definitely declared that there will be no partial meeting of the Dail, which means that before such a momentous gathering can take place the thirty-six members now imprisoned or interned must be released.

Release of these men then will be the final signal that a crisis in the negotiations is approaching.

Mr. de Valera refuses to ask formally for their release because this, he thinks, might be construed as acknowledgment of Great Britain's right to imprison them, but it is an open secret here that Great Britain is willing to waive that point and would consider an order by De Valera summoning to a full meeting the men in jail as a request for their release.

Would Meet in Dublin.

If such a meeting is called it will be held in the Mansion House at Dublin and the session will be private.

In the meantime it is reported that Lloyd George and De Valera have been in frequent communication on minor points the messengers being trusted lieutenants who go and come quietly without recognition.

Uster, of course, is still the crux of the problem, but much is hoped for from Sir James Craig's visit to London tomorrow.

The British house of commons is becoming impatient over the continued secrecy in Irish affairs.

Replying to Col. Archer Shee, a leading Tory, this afternoon, who had asked whether, in view of the fact that De Valera had made the proposals known at a secret meeting of Dail Eireann, Lloyd George could not do the same at a secret session of commons, Austen Chamberlain said merely that the premier hoped to make a statement before the end of the session.

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# RELICS SHOW FATE OF LOST TANKER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 2.—A cable from Australia today stated wreckage has been found at Lord Howe Island, which leaves no doubt that the New York tanker Canastota which has been missing for six weeks, has been lost.

# "Miss Washington"

When she is selected the District will know the name of its prettiest and most attractive girl and Atlantic City will make her the honor guest at a remarkable pageant and celebration.

The Washington Herald is aiding in the selection.

All that is necessary is to bring a photograph of yourself to the Herald Office. For full particulars see page 5.

# OKLAHOMA SEEKS HELP

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 2.—With approximately 400 cases of pellagra reported in thirty-four of the State's seventy-seven counties, State Health Commissioner Dr. A. Lewis announces he would ask the aid of Federal health authorities in fighting the disease.

# Decides Slacker List Publication Privileged

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The Supreme Court here today held that publication of the list of the alleged slackers and deserters prepared and issued by the War Department is privileged as a matter of law.

Justice Burr sustained the demurrer of the New York World against Charles H. Hyman who sued for \$100,000 damages following publication of his name on the slacker list.

# DEMAND FAIR DEAL FOR U. S. SHIPPING

Americans Charge British With Discrimination In Cotton Trade.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Tribune.)

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The first of a series of conferences between representatives of the United States Shipping Board and Liverpool ship owners began here today. The discussion alleged discrimination by British interests against American ships in the Egyptian cotton trade.

It is alleged that Egyptian cotton shippers are using English ships between Alexandria and Liverpool although the American rate is twenty shillings per ton cheaper.

The English reply that this is more than counterbalanced by the higher rate of insurance charged by the underwriters on cargoes carried on American shipping vessels.

The United States Shipping Board is represented at the conference by Frank Ferris who will hear both sides of the controversy and report to Washington where the result will be given out.

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# FEDERAL PROPERTY AUCTIONS DENIED

The War Department and the Federal Bureau of Highways are making a check up of the disposition that has been made by the various States of millions of dollars worth of motor trucks, machinery and road building materials of other kinds that have been turned over to the States by the Federal government.

# GRABS HAIR RIBBON AND SAVES HER LIFE

KENOSHA, Wis., Aug. 2.—A bright colored hair ribbon saved the life of little 5-year-old Margaret Patterson here today, and saved 5-year-old Jimmy Easton to become a hero.

The little girl was wading in Pike Creek and went over her head. The lad saw her go down and could see only a little piece of blue ribbon in the circling water. He grabbed this and then later the girl's hair and pulled her out of the water. Rescuers worked twenty minutes to revive the girl.

Woman Robbed of \$30.

While shopping in a downtown department store early yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Amelia Libby, 535 First street southeast, was robbed of \$30 picked from her pocketbook.

# BRITAIN WILL ADGERMANY'S SILESIAN CLAIM

Ready to Insist Teutons Be Given Purely German Districts.

HOLDS PLEBISCITE MUST BE FOLLOWED

France Expects Belgian Support in Demand for More Troops.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and United News.)

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Great Britain will enter the meeting of the supreme council on August 8 determined not to permit Silesia to become Germany's Alsace-Lorraine.

It is stated emphatically on reliable authority that Great Britain is still standing pat on the results of the plebiscite and will demand immediate transfer to Germany of the purely German districts and to Poland of the purely Polish districts.

Great Britain insists that the troops already on the scene be transferred to the debated territory, but also insists that they are sufficient in their present numbers to cope with any duties that may befall them.

Opposes French Demands.

France will insist on the immediate dispatch of reinforcements, but the British foreign office declares France must advance stronger reasons for so doing than have been put forward so far before Great Britain will assent. According to an attaché of the French embassy, Belgium is being asked to participate in the meeting, France expecting Belgium support. At the same time Belgium could be expected to bring up again the question of the war criminals. Jugo-Slavist also will be asked to attend and Italy hopes to reintroduce the Albanian question.

Harvey May Make Statement.

Replying to a query as to just what would be the role of Col. George Harvey, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain at the supreme council meeting, the French embassy here says:

"Mr. Harvey's role will be purely that of a listener, but if he should be asked questions he will reply. He may volunteer some statements."

According to influential Frenchmen in London, Premier Briand will ask the English representatives if they do not believe it satisfactory and advisable to associate the allied governments with the Hoover Relief for Russia.

May Join Hoover Campaign.

It becomes evident that the entente believes America's humanitarian efforts on Russia's behalf might create an atmosphere of gratitude in Russia toward America which would be a disadvantage to a contracting ally.

It is feared, might be prejudicial to the financial interests of the entente nations, when Russia again becomes stabilized. There is a desire, therefore, to participate in the Hoover campaign for the moral effect that it would have.

Lloyd George will go to the supreme council for the later days of the conference.

# BRAZILIANS DENY PURCHASE OF SHIPS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 2.—The Brazilian press places little credence in the report from New York that Brazil is negotiating with England for the purchase of battleships, and it is believed that the rumor arose through a confused interpretation of the work of the Brazilian naval commission. This news is in France liquidating the efforts of the Brazilian navy to acquire German ships, leased by Brazil to the French government.

O. Paiz points out that this rumor has been circulated many times before and comments upon the "peculiar" persistence with which it recurs every few months.

# STARTS ACTION ON LIQUOR RING

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Judge Landis issued bench warrants today for Mr. and Mrs. James W. Walsh, alleged leaders of the de luxe liquor ring which is said to have peddled between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of booze to prominent Chicagoans. An additional warrant was signed for John E. McGrath, who was indicted with the others.

Walsh was living under lease in the home of Municipal Judge Cramm last February when the place was raided. It was said to be the Chicago headquarters of the bootlegging activities, the liquor being brought from Detroit and then distributed by truck to customers here.

# Rev. Dr. Haden Leaves

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Aug. 2.—The Rev. Thomas H. Hadden, D. D., who has been spending the past year in the United States, left his home at Crozet, this county, early last week for San Francisco, from which place he will sail for Honolulu to attend the Pan-Pacific Educational Conference. He will resume his work in Japan in September.

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